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1. Autorenova, National Corporation located at Saldova 12, Prague-Karlín, was known as Auto-Praga prior to 1950. It has the following listing personnel.
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| a. Manager | Vinaricky, a Czech aged 50 years, an active Communist. | |
| b. Deputy | Chrz, a Czech, 50-55 years old, an active Communist. | 25X1 |
| c. Planning Department | Brenner, a Czech, 40 years of age, an automobile racer, and a Communist. | |
| d. Motor Production | Turek, a Czech, about 35 years old, an automobile racer, and an active Communist. | |
| e. Military Department | Krizek, a Czech, 55-60 years old, a Communist. | |
| f. Repair of Two-Stroke Engines | Karel Strasek, a Czech, about 43 years old. He fought with either the English or American army during the last war. | |
| g. Production and Planning of Spare Parts | Pacovsky, a Czech, 50 years old, an ardent Communist. | |
| h. Maintenance | Lein (Lain), a Czech about 40 years of age, and a Communist | 25X1 |
| i. Chairman of Workers Council and of ROK | Josef Blouhy, a Czech, 56 years old, | 25X1
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2. The workshop militia is composed of about 140 men and is commanded by Karel Jirousek, who is a Czech about 36 years of age and an ardent Communist. The men are armed with about 30 model 98 rifles, 60 old model 24 rifles, 70 new model 24 rifles, and 40 CZ 7.65 mm pistols. Karel Penkava, a Czech aged 29 years, is the political leader of the militia; he is an ardent Communist.

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3. Chairman of the Communist Party organization at Autorenova is one Janounek, a Czech who is 65 years old and an ardent [] Communist. He is expected to be retired. 25X1
4. The production program of Autorenova consists of the following:
- a. Repair of vehicles of types Praga, Jawa Minor, Aero, and Skoda-Tudor, and of buses of all types.
 - b. Production of spare parts for the repair of vehicles except the Skoda-Tudor for which spare parts are supplied by the automobile workshops at Mlada Boleslav.
 - c. Production of IDT amphibious vehicles for the army from parts left by the Germans in Pribuc.
 - d. Production of roller bearings for two-stroke engines.
 - e. Production of injectors, type Bosch, for Diesel engines.
 - f. Foundry and welding of grey cast iron and of cast steel. Production of castings of motor blocks and other parts for type Praga vehicles.
5. The production capacity is as follows:
- a. About 300 vehicles partially repaired and about 30 completely repaired weekly.
 - b. Production of spare parts does not meet requirements.
 - c. About 50 units of roller bearings weekly.
 - d. About 10 injectors for Diesel engines weekly.
 - e. About 300 units of blocks weekly.
 - f. The pressing room works according to need.
6. Autorenova obtains its materials from the following:
- a. Poldina Ironworks, Chorutov, refined steel and forgings.
 - b. United Steelworks, Kladno, crude cast iron and cast steel.
 - c. Dubens, Machov, tires.
 - d. TAL, complete electrical equipment.
 - e. Power from the Prague Power Station.
 - f. Branch of Stalin Works (formerly AGA) at Prague-Vysocany, oxyacetylene gas.
7. The military department is now working on a prototype of a tank, which is to have two 6-cylinder Praga-Diesel engines, each cylinder having a separate head. The two engines are to lie parallel to each other.
- Attachments: I. Sketch showing location of Autorenova at Prague-Karlín, with legend.
- II. Sketch showing layout of installation of Autorenova with legend.

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